



## AS YOU MAY ALREADY BE AWARE, A LAWSUIT BETWEEN THE RANCHES MASTER HOA AND SEVERAL SUB-HOAS HAS RESULTED IN A JUDGEMENT AGAINST THE RANCHES MASTER HOA.

As a consequence of that judgement, The Ranches Master HOA has settled with the sub-HOAs and will be disbanding. Many residents have contacted the City with questions about how this will impact homeowners who live in The Ranches. I hope to answer some of those questions here. We have also created a Community Standards Guide for you to review, which is available on our website at [www.emcity.org/standards](http://www.emcity.org/standards).

The most frequent question we've received is whether or not the City will be raising taxes. The maintenance of the open space in The Ranches had been managed by the HOA, and that function will now be managed by the City. While this represents a new expense, we are in a position to absorb the cost, which will be offset by strong revenues from building activity. Property and sales tax revenues are growing organically without increases to the rate. Thus, we plan to absorb this new maintenance expense. After learning of the lawsuit over a year ago, we took steps to analyze the potential impact to our budget in the event we would need take over the maintenance. After learning of the judgement we further refined our projections based on existing contracts and areas where we saw potential savings. The result of that analysis has led to the conclusion that we will not need to raise taxes at this time to cover the expense.



Eagle Mountain has so many residents who quietly serve. Terry and Dixie Johnson were "caught" picking up trash at Nolen Park. We thank them for caring for our community!

Our budget philosophy dictates that we should match one-time revenue with one-time expenses and using revenue from building activity to offset ongoing maintenance expense does go against that principle. We believe that this one-time exception will allow us to analyze the real impact to our budget as well as allow the property and sales tax revenue to increase with new growth in order to meet the need. It is my desire, as well as that of our City Council to avoid raising taxes if it can be helped. We are dedicated to analyzing real impact over the next year to make an accurate assessment.

In a letter to residents, The Ranches Master HOA expressed doubt as to the City's ability to maintain the landscape to the same standard the HOA has. I have heard this same concern expressed by residents. I am confident that residents will

see no decline in the level of care and maintenance. The City plans to continue to contract with professional landscape companies to perform the maintenance. The assumption of existing agreements The Ranches Master HOA has in place for maintenance will be considered by city council members at the April 18 city council meeting. For some of the maintenance, the HOA has been using the same contractor the City uses for public landscaping maintenance in City Center. The primary impact to City staff will be in the added workload of managing the contracts. This is an impact we have accounted for and are prepared to absorb.

Residents have also asked what will happen to the architectural standards that exist in The Ranches, with specific interest in fencing requirements. When the HOA officially disbands, residents will not be held to the architectural requirements of the CC&R's, but they will be subject to City Code. Presently, City Code is not as restrictive as The Ranches Master HOA's CC&R's. One particular difference is that vinyl fencing is allowed under City Code, but prohibited under the HOA. Other specifics about fencing are addressed in the previously mentioned [Community Standards Guide](#).

Whether it be architectural standards or fencing, residents are currently subject to HOA rules until they officially disband. At that time, the City Code will be the standard. City staff will be bringing code changes forward to the planning commission and later to the city council for discussion so that we can consider all impacts of the HOA dissolving.

Other important City Codes related to animals, accessory structures, property setbacks, landscaping, parking, weeds, exterior lighting, building permits, and fencing have been added to the [Community Standards Guide](#) for residents to easily access. With City ordinances and code becoming the only standard for the above items, a greater burden will be placed on our neighborhood improvement division (formerly code enforcement). Due to this, the division will be seeing additional investment in staffing to assist with the increased workload.

The City would be happy to provide additional information as we are able. Please keep in mind The Ranches Master HOA is a separate entity from Eagle Mountain City so we cannot speak for them with respect to questions about dues, reimbursements, or effects of the settlement on homeowners.

I hope that the issues addressed in this article have been helpful to answer any questions you may have of the City. If you have additional questions, please feel free to email us at [info@emcity.org](mailto:info@emcity.org).

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# NEWS BRIEFS

## Seniors Activities

All are held at City Hall unless stated otherwise. Details and updates are posted on the [website calendar](#). Seniors activities are open to those who are ages 55+.

April 24	A Night at the Movies 5 p.m. (hot dogs and popcorn served)
April 27	Canasta, 1:00 p.m.
May 4	Lunch Bunch, 11:00 a.m. Location TBA

Questions? Email: [seniorcouncil@emcity.org](mailto:seniorcouncil@emcity.org)

## Pony Express Days Grand Marshal Nominations

Eagle Mountain City and Pony Express Special Events extend the opportunity to the community to nominate a deserving individual to be the Grand Marshal for this year's Pony Express Days. The Grand Marshal will be recognized in the Grand Parade, at the Rodeo, Demolition Derby, and the EnduroCross in July. Nominations will be accepted [online](#) through May 5.

## Garbage Pick-up Reminder

Please remember that garbage cans should be placed out for pick-up no later than 7:00 a.m. on your assigned pick-up day. Be aware that although you might observe your garbage pick-up to occur around the same time each week, pick-up times are not guaranteed to be consistent, so it is important to follow the policy to have cans out by 7:00 a.m. to ensure your garbage will be collected.

## UCHD Community Assessment

Utah County Health Department is preparing to conduct its 2nd Community Health Assessment (CHA) on Saturday, April 22. As part of that process, health department staff will be out in the community going to homes and asking questions related to health.

The health department has been working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to determine the number and location of homes will ensure a representative sample of Utah County. Conducting the in-person surveys is essential to the community health assessment process. The assessment seeks to get feedback directly from the community about their health needs

Questions? Please contact Allyson Holmes at 801-851-7514 or [AllysonH@utahcounty.gov](mailto:AllysonH@utahcounty.gov)



# PONY EXPRESS DAYS 2017

MAY 29-JUNE 3

**We are now accepting registrations for Pony Express Days 2017.**

## Vendor Booth and Food Vendor Information:

[www.emcity.org/vendors](http://www.emcity.org/vendors)

June 1, 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; June 2 and 3; Noon to 11:00 p.m.

Vendors are required to attend all three days.

Vendors are required to stay until at least 8:00 p.m. all three days.

## Grand Parade Information:

<http://www.emcity.org/parade>

June 3, Grand Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

We are accepting parade entries through May 19, 2017. Entries must be registered to be eligible for the float contest. Specialty acts also wanted (jugglers, unicycle riders, magicians, etc.).

For more information please contact Dawn Hancock 801-789-6635 or [dhancock@emcity.org](mailto:dhancock@emcity.org).



**MISS EAGLE MOUNTAIN 2017  
ON BROADWAY**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 @ 7:00PM  
FRONTIER MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Tickets: \$6 online at [emcity.org](http://emcity.org) or \$7 at the door



**Kaylie Blacka**  
Miss Eagle Mountain  
2016



## Pony Express Days 1st Annual Float Contest

June 3rd 2017

Parade Registration: [emcity.org/ped](http://emcity.org/ped)

Eagle Mountain seeking entries for Pony Express Days  
1st Annual Float Contest.

Entries open to: organizations, groups, clubs, churches, businesses,  
residents and schools

Prizes will be awarded for the winner of each category:

\$500.00—Originality/Creativity

\$500.00—Workmanship/Use of Materials

\$700.00—Overall Appearance and Neatness

Plaque—Best overall Corporate Entry

Plaque—Best overall Municipality Entry

*\*\*Municipalities and corporate entries not eligible for cash prizes.*



# City to conduct Vote by Mail for 2017 Municipal Election

The Eagle Mountain City Council recently adopted a resolution to conduct Vote by Mail (VBM) for the 2017 Municipal Election. The resolution passed by a 3:2 vote.

While it is not Utah County's responsibility to administer municipal elections, the County Elections Office has offered to conduct VBM for all municipalities in the County that enter into an interlocal agreement. Currently, 17 municipalities will participate with VBM. The County can offer significant savings for this kind of election as they qualify for a reduced, bulk rate mailing. Several counties throughout the state offer this same service.

All active, registered voters will receive a ballot mailed by the Elections Office three weeks before the election. An active voter is a voter that has voted at least once in the last four years. Inactive voters will need to update their voter registration to receive a ballot in the mail. The fastest way to update your information is in person at the Utah County Elections Office in Provo or [online](#). Updates can also be made by mailing a registration form to: Utah County Clerk, Elections Office, 100 East Center Street, Rm 3100 Provo, Utah 84606. Please be aware that any updates made at the Department of Motor Vehicles may take a while to process and should be done well in advance of the election. If you have moved, you will need to update your address in order to receive a ballot in the mail. Ballots will not be forwarded.

Voters will have the convenience of voting in the comfort of their homes where they can research those candidates running for election. Once the ballot has been filled out and placed in the secure envelope, it can be mailed back to the County for processing. For those who prefer to bypass the mail and submit their ballots in person, they may securely do so at either the County or the Eagle Mountain City Recorder's Office. Additionally, votes may be cast in person by provisional ballot at City Hall on Election Day.

Once the County has received the ballot, signatures are checked and verified before the ballot is counted. If the ballot cannot be verified it is passed

## COMMUNITY CLEANUP DUMPSTERS

AVAILABLE SATURDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 8 AM - 6 PM



### WHERE

Mid Valley Road & Pony Express Pkwy

### WHAT

No appliances, large furniture, tires, haz mat, etc. If you have items the dumpsters cannot accommodate, the City offers two free dump passes per household per year. Pick them up at City Hall reception desk.

## COMMUNITY CLEANUP

MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 8:30 - 12:30

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED • [EMCITY.ORG/CLEANUP](http://EMCITY.ORG/CLEANUP)



to another team member before it is rejected. If a voter's signature cannot be verified, the voter will be contacted and can correct the error prior to the canvas. Additionally, the Lieutenant Governor's Office is required to do an audit of the clerk's signature verification process. The ballot is not removed from the envelope until the signature has been verified, maintaining the secrecy of the ballot. Every paper ballot is treated with great care and at no time is handled by a single person as there is always a second set of eyes overseeing the processing of submitted ballots.

In the 2016 General Election, 21 of 29 counties in Utah conducted VBM. Research shows that on average, voter turnout increases 10% to 15% with VBM. Some municipalities have experienced even higher results. For example, in 2013 West Jordan tested VBM and the City's turnout increased





**Pony Express Rodeo**  
**May 26th, 27th, &**  
**29th**



**Pony Express**  
**Demolition**  
**Derby June 3rd**

*Pony Express Events*  
*Eagle Mountain*

**TICKETS**  
**ON SALE**  
**NOW**



**Mascot Miracle stick**  
**horse rodeo May 27th**



**Pony Express Extreme**  
**Enduro July 15th**

[www.ponyexpresevents.com](http://www.ponyexpresevents.com)



from 14% to 35%. In 2015, the return rate dropped slightly to 31.60%; however, the comparative voting rate was still more than double that of traditional elections. Similarly, Riverdale City's voter turnout increased from 24.02% to 47.85% and has maintained a similar increase in subsequent elections. Colorado, Oregon, and Washington conduct all of their elections by mail and always have high voter turnout.

Initially, Eagle Mountain had intended to contract with Utah County to use the same voting machines that were used in the 2015 election. However, the equipment is not licensed and the support is not available from the vendor to conduct this year's election using this method. Furthermore, the County is only offering VBM to those municipalities that choose to contract with them

for elections. Given these circumstances, the City is moving forward with VBM for the 2017 election.

For additional information, please contact Eagle Mountain City Recorder Fionnuala Kofoed at [fkfoed@emcity.org](mailto:fkfoed@emcity.org).





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# Pony Express Days

[www.emcity.org/ped](http://www.emcity.org/ped)

Rodeo

May 26, 27 & 29

Bike Ride and Pancake Dinner

May 30

Family Fun Night & Movie in the Park (Moana)

May 31

Carnival, Vendor Booths & Entertainment Stage

June 1, 2 & 3

5K Charity Run, Grand Parade, Demolition Derby, Fireworks

June 3



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MOUNTAIN

Sign-up:  
Emergency Alerts  
City News  
Special Events  
Public Meetings  
Jobs  
Traffic Alerts

[www.emcity.org/notifyme](http://www.emcity.org/notifyme)

## CITY HOTLINE

(AFTER HOURS OR URGENT)

801-789-5959

OPTION 2: PARKS

OPTION 3: WATER

OPTION 4: SEWER

OPTION 5:  
STORM DRAIN

(street flooding or illegal dumping in drains)

OPTION 6: STREETS